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OUR COVER

With this issue of DOUBT the Fortean Society actively assumes leadership of the entire human race. We have fiddled around long enough.

The natural state of man is Forteanal. Every child born is a Fortean until selfish or stupid adults kick it out of him. The jolly part of that is that adults practically never succeed entirely in perverting youth to their usances and follies, to their rituals, faiths and dogmas, and thus even the most profoundly hypnotized enlisted man, and even the most self-centered husband-seeking chit, remains some part of a Fortean.

This phenomenon has the cheery double effect of being responsible for all that can properly be called progress in this world, and of making us Forteans far and away the most numerous clan on Earth. Since we are the most numerous, the most sensible, the most estimable of all people, we stand in no need to take any guff from any minority whatsoever: and — as Secretary to this most exalted order — the present writer hereby makes a matter of public record the fact that we are not going to take any more nonsense from anybody.

The Fortean Society receives its mandate directly from the mouths and minds of the people. Every man, woman and child — and every intermediate between those categories — who ever has said in any tongue (or who ever has thought, without saying), "I DON'T BELIEVE IT" — has, by that token, appointed the Fortean Society spokesman and mouth-piece, defender of ver doubt. We never have shunned this responsibility nor neglected our more obvious opportunities to amplify the disbelief of our constituency, but until the drawing on our cover was received we have ourselves doubted how we stood in Heaven. We have hesitated to assert our supremacy over all

legislatures, kings, pontiffs, commissars and scientists in unequivocal terms until we had the green light from On High. Now — at last — it has come.

Our cover is a spirit drawing, showing Charles Fort on the Other Side. He has, quite clearly, dethroned the Hebrew Yaweh ("God" to you) and taken possession of Jupiter's thunderbolts. In short, we are sitting pretty.

The spiritualists who assembled at Chesterfield, Indiana, the first Sunday in August, and heard — over a public address system — what purported to be the spirit of Will Rogers cracking jokes, and the spirit of Grace Moore singing, cannot surpass us in miracles, although we gladly concede them the palm for downright obscenity. Only the Holy Roman Catholic Church ever has outdone the monstrous effrontery of Juliette E. Pressing, James M. Laughton, and their associates in this publicity stunt for a rural (spiritualist) hotel. Grace Moore headlined, of course, but they threw in Abraham Lincoln as lagniappe.

But neither the Catholics nor the spiritualists can hold a candle to the Forteans for miracles, now that Charles Fort has taken over The Throne, and this spirit picture of him (in action) is proof conclusive. Although the picture shows Fort as he is TODAY — thunder-bolt in one hand while the other salutes the United Nations — the drawing was made almost one hundred years ago, by Cham, and it was published in *Petit Journal Pour Rire* in 1857, several decades before Fort's birth . . . Let's see them tie that.

If any further evidence of Fort's heavenly supremacy is needed, we give you five cancer cures in one mail:

Dr. Francesco Guarnieri's "F.A.2", in Rome, *Cr Kerr* . . . George Roskin's "KR" which Kaempfer writes about in spite of its Damned Red Moscow origin (*Times* 7-6-47 old style) . . . Dr. Charles Huggins' "Kittyhawk stage" in the spending of a million smackers from the Goldblatt Brothers Foundation. In writing about this, Arthur J. Snider of the *Chicago Daily News* gets a bit lurid. VIZ — "The Goldblatt gift came to Chicago after a nationwide study of institutions . . . a tribute to the university's spirit of scientific inquiry . . . Scientists agree that nowhere does the love of research burn more fiercely than on the Midway (sic!) . . . For 56 years the university's scientists have been zealous in trying their wits on the frontiers of the unknown . . . Cancer will offer the most challenging problem they have ever met." . . . By diet, accto Dr. Max Gerson, praised by *Organic Gardening*, *Cr Bonavia* . . . And Escharotics, the method practiced by the Doctor Nichols Sanatorium of Savannah, Mo. This was discovered to us by MFS Drussai who has contributed a paper on the subject — to appear later. The Doctor Nichols people will send you a book about their work — free. Write directly to them.

Obviously Fort's in his Heaven, all's right with the world . . . Capital is taking up Henry George and Sylvio Gesell. For particulars address, respectively, the Henry George School of Social Science, 50 East 69th Street, New York City, and

Free Economy Publishing Company, 7133 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, Calif.

MORE — the *Saturday Evening Post* has taken up Fort! In the issue of December 6, old style, MFS Carr had the feature spot with his tradition-shattering novelette, *Morning Star*, conceived in Forteanism and dedicated to the proposition that thinking can be made painless, even thrilling: and in the column, Keeping Posted, our Worshipful Lama of the Fortean Tibet did a bit of missionary work . . . The *Post* went farther in that issue, taking up MFS Myra Kingsley, an astrologer . . . And — to top all — Dr. Anton J. Carlson, professor emeritus of U of Chicago, ex-president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, joined the Fortean Society on the democratic level of corresponding membership — just like an ordinary mortal . . . Can anyone doubt our manifest destiny?

Dr. Carlson is the third of his family-name to join us. The first was the late Evans Fordyce Carlson, one-time General in the U. S. Marines. Despite the Fortean objections to World Fraud II, and to all such armed frauds, it was probably inevitable that we should have a "war" hero. Since it was practically unavoidable, we are glad it was Carlson. He had resigned his commission to write what he wished (and knew) about Red China . . . He pulled as much democracy as possible into his contingent of Marines, enough to turn every brass hat in Washington against him . . . Have your bookseller get you *Twain Stars of China*, by Carlson, Dodd, Mead, 1940, and *The Big Yankee*, a biography of Carlson, by MFS Michael Blankfort, Little Brown, 1947. The Society does NOT supply these books.

Our new Carlson sends a small basket of pamphlets — reprints of his lectures and articles. They display as pure a Forteanism as Fort himself possessed — roughly, the percentage figure made so well known by the ads for Ivory Soap . . . On 12-29-47 old style, the Dr. bustled into the papers by telling the AA for the AS that white bread contained "nerve poison". Clearly he is not in the pay of the bread trust, nor an intimate of Truman's physician. *Cr Toth*.

Another SEP author joined up — the reformed zoologist Ivan T. Sanderson. His latest piece is soundly Fortean, holding for the possibility of "dinosaurs" living today. MEMBERS WHO WRITE may need a service Sanderson offers: SPECIFICS — that is a Scientific, Political, Economic, Cultural, Industrial, Factual, Informational Clipping Service. Address the Society and we'll send it on.

DARK SIDE

The new Fortean ascendancy was not achieved without loss. We had just discovered that Aleister Crowley was *not* dead, as he had been reported, but living in Hastings (our letter from him is dated 13th November), when old 666, the Beast of Revelation, did die in fact . . . December 1.

No cause of death is stated in our accounts, but a datum of 8-24-47 old style, from Kerr, indicates that swim-

ming the Channel may explain it. The datum concerns "the nude satyr of Nantes" who was being sought by armed posses. He had "invaded a girls' religious institute Tuesday night, but was frightened away while attempting to strangle the mother superior". That was not YS, so if it wasn't Crowley, who was it? Ambrose Small?

We had hoped that finding 666 after so many years would bring us some exciting Forteana. Perhaps it will. At least we are able to offer *Olla*, An Anthology of Sixty Years of Song, by Aleister Crowley, on book list #6. Ask for it.

Crowley was 72 . . . Other deaths of interest to members are — Arthur Machen, 12-15-47 old style, at 84, and Max Planck, 10-3-47, at 89.

THE FORTEAN UNIVERSITY

In the preface to THE BOOKS, YS wrote that in some then distant future a university of disbelief might be founded for the enlightenment of people who could bear to be enlightened, an Abbey of Theleme, a co-educational monastery without walls physical or mental.

That University is now in existence, and this is its first tentative syllabus and advertisement. Our campus is co-extensive with our student body, with playing fields in Bombay, in Switzerland, in South Africa and in Australia, as well as in all the more commonplace centers of population, the several British Isles, all the States called United and the Provinces of Canada.

Our study halls are the public libraries of the world — many of which are ivied — and a census of our laboratories, dormitories, reformatories and gymnasias is now in process of compilation. (Data on this subject should be forwarded to YS promptly. Disused buildings — preferably marble — will be gratefully received by the University, whether haunted or not, and any buildings donated will be named in memory of the donor.)

One difference between FU and Harvard, is that we have neither trustees nor faculty, a circumstance which gives us a tremendous advantage over our arch-rival. We do have Chairs, however, one for each of the subjects studied — and all vacant at the time of writing. Applications for these Vacant Chairs are solicited. Applicants must be self-supporting and able to pay all their own expenses incident to professing their subjects. FU is strictly a non-profit, co-operative school. No tuition fees are collected and no salaries paid. The pleasure of studying, of teaching and learning, is its own reward — and ample. The other qualifications necessary to fill each of the Vacant Chairs are appended to the resumes of the subjects offered by FU for study.

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! At the moment of going to press, the first member of the FU faculty has joined us, as Dean of Men. He is MFS James Foohey, who needs no other credentials.

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Each student arranges his own curriculum and submits theses as described below. The degrees conferred are B.A.,

upon completion of the course in Fort and any three other subjects offered; M.A., upon completion of the course in Fort and any six other subjects offered; Ph.D., upon completion of the course in Fort and any nine of the other studies.

These are the subjects offered for study by the Fortean University:

(N.B. *As will be seen, not one of these subjects is complete, probably none is completable. Each was the life-work of the man for whom it is named, and the authors left their work unfinished. Each can become the life-work of as many students as wish to pursue it. These studies are merely points of departure, spring-boards for agile mentalities. It is hoped that each subject will attract many students to carry it farther. SOME EXCEPTIONS to this generality are to be noted: inasmuch as a few of the authors are still alive and active. Perhaps those men will accept the Chairs named for them, and profess their own subjects, but there is nothing certain about it.* YS)

(1) FORT . . . This is the primary, the basic subject offered by FU. Completion of this course is essential to graduation and to attainment of any degree. It takes its name from Charles Fort, author of the text book employed. This text, commonly called THE BOOKS, presents four volumes in one:

The Book of the Damned
(1919 A.D.)

New Lands (1923 A.D.)

Lo! (1931 old style = the year 1 FS)

Wild Talent (1932 old style = the year 2 FS)

(Consult the Society book list for complete description).

This study is in the nature of "philosophy", and its object is to give the student (a) a point of view, based upon informed skepticism, from which to regard life in general, (b) an angle of approach to all other books and studies, (c) the truly scientific attitude of temporary acceptance, suspended judgment and perpetual dissent from all dogmatic assertion and assumption. Much, much more than can be stated here is implicit in the study of Fort. The critical methods learned from him should be applied to the other twelve subjects named below, and they are equally applicable to Fort's own canon.

The Chair of Fort is quite the most important on the forming faculty. Applicants for the post should state their qualifications fully (but as briefly as possible). The first requirement is familiarity with THE BOOKS and with the aims of the Fortean Society. The professor's interpretation of the text need not conform to those of the Secretary or any of the Founders, but a general sympathy with the Society's aims is essential. Since the duties will be largely correspondence, a certain amount of leisure is desirable, and a police record will be no deterrent. All applicants must be members of the Fortean Society.

(2) DRAYSON . . . As the subject of

Fort corresponds to "philosophy", so the study of Drayson corresponds to "astronomy". It takes its name from the former professor of astronomy, Alfred Wilkes Drayson (d. 1901 A.D.), author of many books, of which these are the most important:

(On the Cause, Date, and Duration of the) LAST GLACIAL EPOCH OF GEOLOGY (and the Probable Antiquity of Man / with an Investigation and Description of a New Movement of the Earth), London, 1873.

(The Cause of the Supposed) PROPER MOTION OF THE FIXED STARS (and an Explanation of the Apparent Acceleration of the Moon's Mean Motion with Other Geometrical Problems in Astronomy Hitherto Unsolved), London, 1874.

UNTRIDDEN GROUND IN ASTRONOMY AND GEOLOGY (Giving Further Details of the Second Rotation of the Earth and of the Important Calculations Which Can Be Made by Aid of a Knowledge Thereof), London, 1890.

The study of Drayson (a) informs the student of a basic impossibility in received and currently ascendant astronomical theory, (b) advances Drayson's hypothesis to explain the Problem which has come to bear his name, (c) expounds the theory of a "second rotation" of Earth, (d) recounts the history of the suppression of Drayson's ideas by orthodox astronomy in England, (e) describes the almost single-handed labors of the late Alfred H. Barley to force the Drayson Problem upon the notice of official astronomy in America (Harvard, *et al*), (f) analyzes the extensive MSS notes of Barley, and the records of his observations upon "fixed" stars, with special reference to Capella, and (g) encourages students to continue the work of Drayson-cum-Barley.

The Chair of Drayson is available only to a university graduate who has majored in astronomy and one able and willing to post a bond of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the safe preservation of the absolutely unique collection of MSS material on this subject donated to the Fortean Society by LMFS Annie Barley, widow of Alfred H. Barley. The collection (which includes correspondence with the biggest big-wigs of British astronomy of this century) is now being inventoried and catalogued in detail, with a view toward making the material available to the successful candidate, for his study and teaching, commentary and continuance.

Besides proficiency in orthodox astronomy and financial competence, the requirements for Drayson Professor are: familiarity with the Drayson Problem (consult the Fortean Society book list for books and pamphlets available), familiarity with THE BOOKS (of Charles Fort), sympathy with the aims of the Society and membership therein.

The text-book for the course is — temporarily — *The Glacial Period and Drayson's Hypothesis*, by John Millis,

supplemented by the various monographs in the Society's book list.

(3) CAHILL . . . The study of Cahill takes its name from the late Honorary Founder Fortean Society B.J.S. Cahill, originator of the Butterfly Projection.

Pursuit of the subject informs the student of the advantages of the Butterfly Projection over all other means of presenting a map of a spherical Earth on a plane: the history of the Projection, its bibliography, etc., etc.

The Chair of Cahill requires a theoretical cartographer of some vision. He must be ready and willing to post a bond of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) as a guarantee of the safe preservation of the unique and irreplaceable MSS material and drawings donated to the Fortean Society by HMFS Laura Cahill, widow of the Honorary Founder.

The collection of Cahill material is pregnant with suggestion for the amplification of the Butterfly Projection, for its adaptation (in enlarged detail) to the needs of navigation and all other map uses.

It is to be hoped that, with a competent teacher and interested students, the Cahill Butterfly Projection will be of continuous development, eventually serving the people of all nations as its originator intended that it should.

The text-book for the course is *Down-to-Earth, Map-making for Everybody*, by David Greenwood, plus maps on the Butterfly Projection, by B.J.S. Cahill. (See Society book list.)

(4) GILLETTE . . . The study of Gillette takes its name from the author of several books which he published at his own expense. All are out of print, rare and unavailable, but the Fortean Society has projected the publication of the author's finally revised copy of his most comprehensive work, annotated with extensive notes never before published.

The man was George Francis Gillette. His published books were:

- Cycle of Power (1930 AD)
- Rational Non-Mystical Cosmos (1933 old style)
- Orthod Oxen of Science (1936 old style)

This is the FU equivalent of "cosmology" (or cosmogony). Gillette presented a "Unitary Conception of All Natural Phenomena . . . a Single Law of Nature", and if — as they pretend — the physicists' business were the seeking of truth, they would probably find that this rough-and-ready conception of a spiraling universe rhymes very well with their own observations.

The Chair of Gillette would be best filled by a renegade physicist who could correlate laboratory data already in existence with the author's inspired hazards. Gillette sent his material to Sir Arthur Eddington with this purpose in view. Eddington — by his signed admission — "destroyed" the material.

Applicants for this post must have access to Gillette's books, either in their own libraries or in public libraries near their places of residence. The Society cannot supply any of them at present.

(5) LONC . . . The study of Lonc is

the perpetual search for instances of the figure "1.618 + " in nature, mathematics, architecture and everything else. It is the FU equivalent of "relativity", since that figure is called by Lonc, "the Cosmic Constant", meaning that the nautilus builds vis shell, the bee vis cells, and the sunflower arranges ver seeds, etc., ad infinitum, with "1.618 + " in mind.

The subject is called Lonc because nobody else who has dealt with that figure — from Pythagorus to Jay Hambidge of Yale — has made such universal claims for it as MFS Frank Lonc.

The subject is practically self-teaching. The texts are the Lonc packet and these books by Jay Hambidge:

Dynamic Symmetry — The Greek Vase . . . \$6.00

Dynamic Symmetry — The Parthenon and Other Greek Temples . . . \$6.00

The Diagonal — a periodical . . . fifty cents per copy.

(6) GEORGE . . . The subject takes its name from Henry George, and it is the FU equivalent of a course in "taxation". Until the Chair of George is filled, students are instructed by the Georgist School itself. Many are in operation all over the country. Ask for the address nearest you. If no classes are close enough, you may enroll for instruction by correspondence. There is no fee for this.

Applicants for the Chair should be graduates of the Georgist School, able and willing to instruct Fortean free. The text books range in price from five cents up to \$3.50. *Progress and Poverty* is \$1.00. Send your dollar to Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, 50 East 69th Street, N. Y. C. 21, and ask for a complete list of their other books.

(7) MALTER-STUART . . . The subject is the FU equivalent of "ontology", and it takes its name from George H. Malter ("St. George"), and Henry Clifford Stuart ("Stuart X").

The texts — temporarily — are:

The World Process, or the Origin and Evolution of Life, Mind, Thought and Language out of the One Element of Existence, Fresno, 1914. In two volumes.

Prolegomena to the World-Process, the Active Causes in Physical, Mental and Intellectual Life / the Work of Character, Instinct and Thought in Civilization, Fresno, 1913.

Introduction to Errors of Thought in Science, Religion and Social Life / and Their Evil Influence from Pre-Alphabetic Ages to the Present Day / with Particular Regard to the Questions of the Hour and the Dangers of Modern Civilization, San Francisco, 1911.

Argument to Errors of Thought, (?San Francisco, 1910?)

(See the Society book list.)

Malter's work was done before semantics, as such, had attracted much attention, but his chief criticism of his contemporaries and their forerunners falls in that field today. With sheer horse-sense, he surmounted many of the drawbacks which inhere to being a Deist, an American, a Capitalist, a Republican, and (probably) a Freemason — the which is a formidable array of drawbacks — and wrote much which is

soundly Fortean. He blames most of man's woes on the alphabet and insists that words have deprived the race of a better means of knowing. He calls for a return to this simpler, surer way (via symbolism), a course which, if successfully pursued, would obviate the need for Korzybski's non-Aristotelian system.

In 1910, Malter proposed to set up a "Curia" of somewhat superhuman folk, called "right-minded and characterful people" (of which he esteemed himself to be one), whose incorruptibility is assumed, "to look after national interests from other than a partisan point of view". The ideal is reminiscent of Plato, but Malter nowhere remarks the affinity himself, and in other places reproaches the neo-Platonists of the third and fourth centuries A.D., for damage done to Christianity and to Christian mentality since.

Whatever progress Malter made by way of forming his "Curia" (with the principal aim of combatting the war-making international bankers), he did gather unto himself one mighty and puissant disciple in Stuart X. At least a part of the work Malter began has been carried on by Stuart (who is himself, now, past eighty).

The whole subject will amply repay study, and the Chair of Malter-Stuart could easily become second in importance only to that of the Chair of Fort. The hardy professor who undertakes it must be grounded in Eastern philosophies, he should read Chinese, know Plato, Plotinus, Ficino and Pico. Above all else he must be conversant with monetary theories and modern banking methods, including the Federal Reserve System, Bretton Woods, Gesell, Douglas, Soddy and Olarenschaw. The study of Korzybski is also excellent preparation for the problems to be met.

Read —

The Platonic Legend, by Warner Fite.

The Philosophy of Marsilio Ficino, by Paul Oskar Kristeller, Columbia University Press.

Both books are out of print. Try your library or second-hand bookseller.

(8) GESELL . . . The study of Gesell is the study of money, a subject more discussed than the weather, and with as little done about it. The name is derived from that of Silvio Gesell, author of the text, *Natural Economic Order*.

Besides that book, the monthly paper, *Freedom and Plenty* is used in this course.

The requirements for the Professor of Gesell are similar to those applied to Professors of George and Malter-Stuart. Only a person versed in modern banking methods can criticize Gesell constructively.

(9) KORZYBSKI . . . The subject is General Semantics and the Non-Aristotelian Systems, as presented by Alfred Korzybski (who is, unfortunately, a vaccinator) in his book, *Science and Sanity*, which is our text. (See book list.)

The Chair of Korzybski requires a man (or woman) who has studied at the Institute of General Semantics, Lakeville, Conn. For information, address the Institute.

(10) CREHORE . . . The subject is theoretical atomics as presented by Albert Cushing Crehore, with emphasis on "the steady states". FU clings to Crehore because the author's atom has never killed anybody. A statement of some of the differences between the Crehore atom and others (as printed in DOUBT #9) will be furnished free upon request.

The Chair of Crehore could hardly be filled by anyone other than the author at present, but if any of the murderers who sold their honor and self-respect to the politicians and bankers in the recent development of a new explosive now wish to reform, their applications will be considered.

(11) GRAYDON . . . The subject transcends simple chemistry, embracing areas of mathematics, physics, etc., etc., but because the author is the inventor of the "Graydon Periodic Table for the Positions of the Chemical Elements" (as printed in DOUBT #12), Graydon is the FU equivalent of "chemistry".

The text books are — *New Laws for Natural Phenomena*, by Thomas H. Graydon, and other pamphlets and papers by the same author. (See book list.)

The Chair could hardly be filled by anybody but Graydon, and — with luck — we'll get him.

(12) IKTOMI . . . This is, properly, the study of "conservation" of natural resources, principally soil, forests, wild animals and Indians. It takes its name from the author of *America Needs Indians*, the text book used.

The Chair of Iktomi should be filled by an Indian, but a millionaire might do as well if he comes committed to the program and willing to put some dough into it for the good of posterity.

(13) KNIGHT . . . The study of Knight takes its name from John Alden Knight's refinement of an ancient "superstition" about when fish bite. What's astrology for trout and ducks probably does not leave humans untouched, hence — an endless investigation.

The text book is *Moon Up, Moon Down*, in which Knight makes a frank and open bid for academic subsidies, FU has no endowments for the purpose, but who knows what the future may bring? Probably J. B. Rhine rolled his own with Duke's Mixture a good many years before he fell into his Good Thing.

The Chair of Knight is available to any Fortean who has used Knight's *Solunar Tables* for purposes other than hunting and fishing, and kept a record of results.

Fresh Solunar Tables are for sale annually by the Society, 50c.

Those are the courses, as of press time. More will be added.

Written examinations are conducted annually by this method:

1. The student states his readiness for examination, in any subject or group of subjects, in a letter to YS.

2. The questions are printed in a paid advertisement in the weekly newspaper published nearest to the student's place of residence, in the issue of January 5 (or the issue dated nearest to

January 5) following application. The student pays for this advertisement, approximately ten dollars (\$10.00) per subject. Neither the Fortean University nor the Fortean Society takes any commission or any part of this money. It all goes to the newspaper publisher for space used. The student's name does not appear in the advertisement. The copy is supplied by FU directly to the paper, in confidence.

3. The student, on his honor, answers the questions in writing — without reference to his texts — and forwards his paper by registered mail to the Society's address in New York City.

4. The examination is graded by the professor of the subject (or by Your helpless Secretary if no professor is available). A mark of seventy five per cent is passing.

5. Students who pass written examination in Fort and any three other subjects are then required to write a thesis of at least five thousand (5,000) words on any phase of any of the four subjects they have passed. The greatest liberty is permitted in the choice of topics for theses, but the suggestion is that topics be chosen to advance one or more of subjects, studied or to criticize constructively the texts studied.

Upon receipt of an adequate thesis as described, the degree of B.A., is conferred, and a "sheepskin" attesting the facts (suitable for framing) is supplied gratis.

6. Students who pass in Fort and any six other subjects are required to submit two theses of five thousand (5,000) words each, conceived to advance two of the subjects studied. Which two is optional with the student.

Upon receipt of two adequate theses, the degree of M.A., is conferred, with framable "sheepskin" gratis.

7. Students who pass in Fort and any nine other subjects are required to submit three theses—two of which must advance two of the studies completed, and the third of which must present a NEW IDEA, original with the writer, and not directly connected with any of the old Fortean courses. Ideally, this third thesis should be the material for a NEW STUDY at FU.

The degree—with appropriate "sheepskin" is that of Ph.D.

MONEY WILL HELP

Never has the Fortean Society appealed to any man or to any institution for funds. Membership dues, the sale of books and substantial contributions by some of the Founders have sustained us for seventeen years, and those sources will continue to sustain us forever. This is our pride, a prerequisite of our independence.

We are not appealing for funds for the Society now: but if the FORTEAN UNIVERSITY — the only institution known which inspires its students to think for themselves — is to provide enlightenment to all comers, degrees in disbelief, "sheepskins" for originality—all gratis — we shall have to have LARGE contributions (and small) from every human who approves of that thought-provoking program.

How much will you give?

We cannot accept Government aid, neither State nor Federal. Too many Forteans are opposed to government — too many recognize the State as their enemy. (Read Albert Jay Nock, *Our Enemy the State*.)

We cannot expect grants from Standard Oil — although we would accept them quickly enough, if they came without strings.

Not many rich people will feel like writing fat checks to our order when they know that the next issue of DOUBT may take their racket apart.

Nonetheless, here is the opportunity for some lucky plutocrats to pass through the eye of a needle.

We need a text book for the study of Gillette. A publishing fund has been started for the purpose.

MFS Brancato (contrib.)	\$20.00
MFS Stevens (pledged)	10.00
MFS (Anon.) (")	15.00
YS (matched all others)	45.00

Total \$90.00

We needed \$2,000.00 to do the job adequately . . . That means \$1,910.00 to go. How much of it will you give in cash at once?

Or — which of the Vacant Chairs would you prefer to endow? Contributions may be made for the promotion of any one specific study or for the general University fund, for clerical assistance, for diplomas and degrees, for the publication of outstanding theses on new subjects, etc., etc., etc.

Your mail is full of emotional appeals for charity to the world's belly. This is an opportunity to do something for world mentality . . . Harvard passes the hat — why not FU?

THE OLD SCHOOL TIE

Nobody ever would have been willing to "die for dear old Rutgers" if he had not worn "the old school tie". Accordingly, we must have one for FU. Suggestions for color and design are called for. The hemp (Pantagrueion) has already been suggested, so don't repeat.

FORTEAN EXPEDITION

The first exploration party we ever heard of with an MFS at or near its head is that now organizing in Albuquerque to go into Headless Valley, Canada, this June. MFS C. Steven Bristol is Secretary of the corporation, known as Nahanni Expeditions, Inc. . . . Bristol writes — somewhat journalesey:

The legends of Canada's Headless Valley are luring another group to the mysterious gorge in Northwest Canada where many of the relatively few white men to explore the area have disappeared or been killed.

A group of twelve, including geologists, anthropologists, etc., many of them ex-service men, have organized Nahanni Expeditions' Inc. at Albuquerque, New Mexico, with the intention of making many different trips of exploration. Headless Valley in the South Nahanni District of Canada has been chosen as the area for the first survey.

This Valley, number one legend of the

Northlands, has as its background, stories of tropical growth, hot springs, head-hunting mountain men, caves, pre-historic monsters, wailing winds and lost gold mines. Actual fact certifies the hot springs, the wailing winds, and some person or persons who delight in lopping off prospectors heads. As for the pre-historic monsters, Indians have returned from the Nahanni country with fairly accurate drawings of mastadons burned on raw hide. The more recent history began some forty years ago when the two MacLeod brothers of Fort Simpson were found dead in the valley, reportedly decapitated. Already the Indians shunned the place because of its "mammoth grizzlies" and "evil spirits wailing in the canyons".

Canadian police records show that Joe Mulholland of Minnesota, Bill Espler of Winnipeg, Phil Powers and the MacLeod brothers of Ft. Simpson, Martin Jorgenson, Yukon Fischer, Annie LaFerte, O'Brien, Edwin Hall, Andy Hays, an unidentified prospector and Ernest Savard have perished in the strange valley since 1910. In 1945 the body of Savard was found in his sleeping bag, head nearly severed from his shoulders. Savard had previously brought rich ore samples out of the Nahanni. In 1946 prospector John Patterson disappeared in the valley. His partner, Frank Henderson, was to have met him there, but never found him.

The personnel of the expedition will fly in to the Nahanni District from Whitehorse, Canada early in June and will spend at least two months making preliminary investigations. It is possible that they will meet up with other white men, for at least one other expedition has been making plans to enter the valley.

Members of Nahanni Expeditions' Inc. are Robert Crawford, President, Chicago, Ill., Anthropologist and Geologist; James Murphy, Vice-President, New York City, Geologist; MFS C. Steven Bristol, Secretary, Michigan and Hawaii, Artist and Pilot; Al Torris, Secretary, Albuquerque, N. M., Geologist; Richard M. Krannawitter, Attorney, Albuquerque, N. M.; Albert Bove, Brooklyn, N. Y., Geologist; Kenneth Judkins, Medina, Ohio, Geologist; Lenard Prehm, Median, Ohio, Photographer; George Sturgis, Artesia, N. M., Geologist; Norman Thomas, Farmington, N. M., Writer and Pilot; Robert Warner, Tucumcarri, N. M., Biologist; and Joel Wisotscky, Chicago, Ill., M.D.

The word "Nahanni" means in Indian, "people over there, far away" and was deemed a most fortunate name for the organization, as that is where its members wish to make a practice of being.

FIRST PRIZE

The ability of a Fortean to spot the unadulterated *dreck* in a press despatch becomes more impressive (and more common) daily. The clippings pour in by thousands and their scope is truly universal . . . Gentlemen and ladies, Your Secretary salutes you. You — in your critical disillusionment — are the sole remaining hope of this civilization. TALK your Forteanism proudly wherever you go. Puncture every balloon en-

trenched dogma sends up. Defend your rights — do not permit the slightest infringement. Combat the "lie-detector". Prevent conscription. And keep the data coming!

First over the line in this session's Derby — HFFS Russell — with this:

"This evening, at 9:50 p.m., on a clear, star-spangled night, I was writing an article and found it necessary to check a piece of astronomical data. In a moment of pathetic faith, which I then regarded as inspiration, I decided to phone Bidston Observatory and ask the boys there. And what d'you think happened? A sweet-voice answered that she was veddy soddy but the staff wasn't there night-times and never started work before 9:30 in the morning — so would I please ring up in the daytime. So help me, momma, this is the truth!"

PLACE . . . MFS Toth, riding *Lo!*

The story is a copyright article "by Science Service" printed in the Pittsburgh Press. Under the headline, "Super Stars Burn Candle at Both Ends / Quickly Run Out of Atomic Fuel", the story runs on for nearly a column, quoting Dr. Lyman Spitzer Jr., Princeton U Observatory, on several subjects, including where stars come from. Dr. Spitzer does not prefer God. He prefers "interstellar matter" in spiral galaxies. "Study of these obscuring clouds in our galaxy has shown that they are made up of solid particles so minute that 10,000 of them laid end to end would make a line as long as a period on this printed page." . . . But the pay-off is the last sentence in the last paragraph . . . "Thus in the final stages of the contraction, the temperature inside the star-to-be becomes greater and greater until finally, at a temperature of many millions degrees, the sources of atomic energy are tapped and the globule starts to radiate its own light and heat. Lo, another star has been born." . . . So help me, the "Lo" is Dr. Spitzer's.

SHOW . . . MFS Hoernlein, with an AP despatch to the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* which appears not to have been printed in many places . . . That Dr. S. F. Hogsett of Spokane, who said he was attached to a Marine division which was sent to Nagasaki four weeks after the bomb was dropped in 1945 (old style), addressing the Spokane County Medical Society, alleged that "high ranking officers who had never performed an autopsy in their lives" were the only ones permitted to make postmortem examinations. "When one Yale professor came to make a study of victims, the army threw a special guard around the hospital where the autopsies were being performed and refused to let him in."

Was that story in *your* AP paper?

FISH AND FROG FALLS

"In a thick mist," frogs fell 8-14-17 FS, on Towyn, Merionethshire. Brooms and shovels could hardly keep them out of houses. Cr Elsander and Simpson.

A review of that recent book saying fish don't fall, printed in *John O'London*, brought letters from eye-witnesses of the following: May 21, 1921

A.D., fall of "small, silvery and very soft-fleshed fish", in a tropical shower near Wyndham, West Australia. About November 19, 1925 A.D., near Horsbham, Victoria, Australia, "shower of small frogs". "In 1896, over the rifle range in Meerut, India, "quite a number" of small fish.

In Marksville, La., October 25, 1947 old style, "goggle-eyed perch, bream and shad", by the hundreds, during a heavy fog. "No report of a tornado or up-draft in the vicinity of the town." The varieties named are local fish. Cr McMahon, Bain, Reagan, Weller and others.

MFS Ehrlich, who confesses to being Editor of the *Aquarium Journal*, published by the San Francisco Aquarium Society, is running a series of articles on the subject of fish-falls beginning in his February issue.

TIGHT ISLE

A cellar where low-grade gasoline, Kerosene and paraffin seeps in from nowhere — like those mentioned in DOUBT #18 — is reported in Peterson-road, Wakefield, 12-13-47 old style. (See another elsewhere in this issue.)

A 10-year-old boy in Liverpool was found in flames . . . "There were no signs of fire in the shop after the incident." 10-17-47 old style.

A bog at Ratten Clough, between Todmorden and Burnley, rolled slowly over the highway, covering it to a depth of six feet. . . . no immediate natural reason . . . "It stopped as inexplicably as it began. (Darned Socialists!) 10-20-47 old style.

They're moving Greenwich (observatory) to Hurstmonceux Castle, near Hailsham, Sussex, telescopes and all. Job will take five years.

. . . there came a rustling noise and then a whirlwind," near Kendal, Westmorland, and "the equivalent of a cart-load of hay . . . went straight up," accto eyewitness Wileman. 8-1-47 old style.

An upright piano began telling time, striking hours and halves on the G-string, in Salford, Lancashire, 10-7-47 old style.

The Central Council for Health Education announced that 5,000 people died in England and Wales every year "of food and drink infections".

The cops of Dartford, Kent, have asked a comic, Alfred West, to quit dressing like a burlesque police officer in his act which he has performed "for generations". 9-18-47 old style.

The National Physical Laboratory is taking a plank from the Fortean Society Perpetual Peace Plan, and is building, at a cost of £125,000, one of those adding machines which a dirty yellow-bellied Jap with an abacus trimmed hell out of in contest. See DOUBT #17.

A passenger liner, the *Matrona*, tied to a Birkenhead dock, for no assignable reason, just keeled over, "without warning", 10-31-47 old style.

A woman's body was found "on Seke foreshore" near Liverpool and "medical evidence was that it was impossible to state the cause of death". 10-23-47 old style.

The Parliament of the Isle of Man voted NOT to continue conscription. 11-19-47 old style.

Credit Russell, Elsender, Parr and Atkins.

MORE MANX

Elsender sends a piece from the Newcastle *Evening Chronicle*, attributed to the "British United Press", describing a beast which — while nothing common — has been familiar enough to generations of men to be mentioned in *Britannica*, a typical "Manx cat", with foreparts like any other cat and hindparts that look and operate like a rabbit's.

The owners, who live in Houma, Louisiana, don't know what they've got. The local veterinary doesn't know, and, apparently, the British UP and the Newcastle *Chronical* staff are all equally ignorant. It is as if this entire group had seen a red-head for the first time.

MORE SUB-ABACAE

We have already noticed mechanical brains at Harvard, U. of Penn., and — above — at the National Physical Lab. in England. Now U. of California at L. A. has one, "which can even tell the exact condition of the turf at a race track" (INS). Your Secretary doesn't know who cadged the rhino for manufacturing any of the others, but this one in L. A. was turned out by General Electric. Own any stock?

Not to be outdone by any dirty yellow-belly, one Maurice Dagbert of Calais, France, offers to take on any mechanical "brain" in a mathematical speed test — and he won't even use an abacus, accto *Seattle Times*. Cr Hoernlein.

In vein with the General Electric function of building super-brains which are slower but more expensive than abacae, is the function of the Chrysler Corporation in building bombs for Bikini. YS wouldn't attempt to guess how much the Chrysler outfit made out of that bust, but it was a sum sufficient to publish a book called "Secret". The contents is the most flagrant insult to all the John Q. Citizens who are still being robbed to pay the bills that could be printed and put into covers. Maybe they'll send you a copy. You can ask: Chrysler Corporation, Detroit 31, Michigan.

APROPOS

Proceedings against the directors and governors of the Dresner Bank for alleged "war crimes" have been dropped, accto the *Manchester Guardian*, 11-1-47 old style. Cr Russell.

RUN OF THE MILL

Lightning went for the sportsmen this session: two swimmers in Ohio, August 6, two baseball players in Pennsburg, Pa., August 10, three motorboating girls in Syracuse, August 14, a cricket player, August 21, in Cornwall. On the same date, August 21, it struck and demolished a big bridge at Columbus, Ohio. Cr Adams, Hoernlein, Russell, Evans, Reagan.

The Snakies continued to worship their god in their own way, proving that he is as big an idiot as any of them. Cr Reagan, Adams and others.

Palomar toted its 200-inch white elephant up the hill, while the admiring Freeprez stood pounding the bass drum and gibbering nonsense *a la* Pruett . . . One Patricia Clary, in the *Oakland Tribune*, wrote that the mirror is "within two-millionth of an inch of perfection". Having measured it that closely, you'd think they'd finish making it right. Cr practically everybody.

The same Cr applies to Pieter Vanjaarsveld, "the dowser with a difference". He sees the water, gold, or whatever, but "admits occasions when the drillers have not been able to prove him right". Pieter lives in Potchefstroom, South Africa, forty-five miles from the nearest registered Fortean.

So-called "red tides", with accompanying dead fish, noxious gas and something in the water that burned human hands and consumed fish nets, continued until November 12, at least. Every possible scientific arm of government attempted to explain it all away, but if the Army doesn't dump the old poison gas *somewhere*, how can we be taxed to buy new? Cr Markham, Hoernlein, Williams, Kerr, Darnell, Oltcher, Reagan, Cordes, Adams and others.

Invisible comets continued to be "discovered" by white Occidental (if not Christian) astronomers — Lick O, July 24; Harvard, September 27.

On November 21, a dirty-yellow saboteur announced one which was visible. He saw it at 5:00 a.m. Only a filthy Jap astronomer would be working at that hour. By December 10, Australia and South Africa had found it. On December 22, AP wipers announced that "a new comet, first observed in Texas on December 14, has split into two parts".

Life took the N. Y. wipers for a ride, issue of 1-5-48 old style. The *Times* had shown a two-tailer, the *Her-Trib*, a three-tailer, the *News*, a *quatuor-caudae*, and the *Mirror*, an air-cooled six. Cr Sussman, Pollard, Adams, Hoernlein, Reagan, and others.

No-such-monsters came along at the usual rate. One was caught, and photographed in Port Angeles, Wash., about 7-28-47 old style . . . Five people saw Payette, 6-22-47 . . . A new one — with a name — in the Albany River (Lake Miminiska, Ontario), 8-14-47 . . . A skeleton, between Effingham and Useless Inlet, west coast of Vancouver Island, "more than 45 feet long" . . . One off Lynn Beach, Boston, "50 feet or longer", 9-4-47. This one sent Charles Honce of the AP to the library, and he managed to write several columns on the subject without once referring to either Rupert T. Gould or Charles Fort . . . A new one in Inverbervie Bay, on the Kincardine coast — hung around for three days — seen by many — "Mrs. Milne's husband (probably named Sanderson), in charge of the salmon-fishing station, says he has never seen anything like this visitor during his 23 years in that district." 10-5-47 . . . Five Scots saw Nessie, they said, July-August. On 8-23-47 old style, a plan to capture Nessie was aired in either Glasgow or Edinburgh, we have both date-lines . . . On December 30, the SS Santa Clara struck one off Cape

Lookout, N. C., leaving it "threshing in a large area of bloody water and foam".

Of the above, the most Fortean is the Vancouver skeleton. On December 9, R. E. Foerster, Director of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada, was quoted in AP papers as "completely stumped . . . It's the oddest specimen I ever came across." And Dr. Alfred Testen, of the Pacific Biological Station: "definitely not that of a whale or (a) shark." But when MFS Willis wrote a letter of inquiry, Loerster changed his mind. Because a search party "were able to locate a quantity of gill rakers" in the area, the *oddest specimen he ever came across* is now called a "basking shark". Cr Willis, Gould, Pollard, Ferguson, Kerr, Hehr, Squadrilli, Williams, Toth, Alt, Bloch, Oltcher, Reagan, Adams, E. S. Anderson, Russell, Bowie-Reed, Markham, Noble.

Quakes and volcanoes about as usual. No Fortean discoverable in the accounts from many members, unless we count the exaggeration of a paper in Genoa, Italy. The writer there had Chicago in ruins and Detroit burning down. Cr Morrison . . . And a prediction by Dr. Fred M. Bullard, U of Texas, that a new Paricutin would appear in Western Mexico about the year 218 FS. Cr Toth.

A stench in Memphis (not attributable to the Klan) 10-13-47 old style . . . A powdery gray precipitation on New York City's East Side — has been "recurring for a number of years" — night of October 5-6 . . . A cloud of (mostly) "hydrogen sulphide" killing birds along 700 miles of Peru coast, called a "Callao Painter", has puzzled Scientists "long". Cr Young . . . A "sticky, brown film" comes upon houses at night around Port Vue, Penna. "Numerous strikes during the past few months" (10-10-47 old style) . . . "Dark, oily blotches" inside and out of homes in Lewes, Del., 9-11-47. Cr Savage.

Explosions . . . S and SW of L A, night of August 30-31 . . . Richmond, Calif., and vicinity, early 9-8-47 old style . . . In the alley back of the Spokane police station, 10-31-47 (Halloween) . . . North end of Seattle, night of 11-1. Again 11-17, in the "Denny Blaine district". Again 11-22, "Green Lake and Woodland Park districts" (two blasts) . . . East End of Pittsburgh, shortly after 9:00 p.m., 12-4 . . . Again in Seattle, 12-5 (three little ones and a big one). "Police said youths probably were responsible." . . . Klamath Falls, Oregon, a building wrecked 12-7-47 old style. Cr Hehr, Hoernlein, Patterson, Marble, Kerr.

The Bureau of Entomology could not identify the green worms which "invaded" Macon, Ga., "recently" (8-25-47 old style). Cr Ricks, Barneson and others . . . In Adams, N. Y., 5-22-47 old style, swifts "attacked" two houses and the Methodist Church. One Glenn Potts counted 320 dead swifts which had knocked themselves out, filling his chimney, etc. Cr Giles . . . Porcupines "invaded" Seattle (two beasts) 8-19-47 old style . . . A red fox entered a Chicago bar, 7-29-47. Cr Goldstein . . . Two hawks attacked elderly blind inmates of a Yonkers institution, 8-11. Cr Kerr.

The Navy lost an undersea "mountain" 400 miles off San Francisco. They had only discovered it a short time before. (Nov. 24 — December 1) Cr Burbank, Eschenmann, Bishop.

Some kind of critter—near Glasgow, Ill., 7-28 . . . A "monster" around Pootung, across the Whangpoo fro Shanghai, 8-24 . . . Maybe a mountain lion, Wayne County, Indiana, 10-15 . . . Tall, old bearded, white man "terrifying" Negro share-croppers near Baldwin, Miss., 10-24 . . . A "cougar" or something in West Seattle (that town!!!) 11-20 to 24 . . . Critter shot in Rockaway, Oregon, "may be a sea otter", 11-22 . . . The "Beast of the Valais" may or may not be dead. A wolf was shot 11-26 . . . A man or beast in Boonville, Ind. (far from Wayne County), 12-4. Cr Giles, Saunders, Kerr, E. S. Anderson, Reagan, Hoernlein, Russell, Bath.

Discs, disks, saucers, Svenskarockets, balloons, meteors and all flying sky lights are now so thoroughly mixed up by all reporters that sound evidence has become extinct. Perhaps that was the purpose of the wipers' campaign. At any rate, they continue to give the subject space—and to garble the details so they are worthless. DOUBT cannot afford the space to list them. At hand are 120 items on this subject, from all five continents and Australia. Besides all the old regulars, Cr Saunders, Bush, Toth, Pollard, Bean, Ferguson, Lavendar, Kunz, Flagg, Plewucha, Horn, Bump, Herbert, Gould, Cordes, Waug, Anderson, Hurst, Drake, and many non-members.

The North American Newspaper Alliance had one Lionel Shapiro write up a yarn to the effect that the disks are the product of a German invention manufactured in Franco's Spain, 11-4-47 old style.

The International News Service told its wipers (11-15) that Reuters quoted a Swiss daily to the effect that the Russ had set off a test atom bomb which was recorded on a Swiss seismograph last June!

A flyer out of Louisville, Ky., followed something in the sky 1-7-48 old style, going so high and so fast that his plane "exploded" at an estimated 20,000 feet up.

The *Olean Times-Herald* editorializes: "And the 'flying saucers' are just that, a hoax — until an authoritative statement to the contrary comes from some official source." Yet, it was Yvonne Fischer who died of "sleeping sickness"! (1-6-48 old style: she was 16, and had slept 13 years, in Baltimore.) And they shoot men like Ghandi.

ARE THEY DEAD?

MFS Ring showed DOUBT to a priest, pointing out the letter questioning the death of FDR. The priest is quoted as saying: "That is just what the Bishop has kept telling me."

A priest, former "confessor to Mussolini", reported in Rosario, Argentina, that Benito's body was in a secret place, "protected by science" in such a way that anyone daring to approach would be "instantly struck dead". Cr Kerr.

Eva Braun is alleged to have cashed a check for 50,000 lire, at a bank in

Fondo, Italy, the Wednesday before July 2, 1947, old style. Cr Russell.

Captain Peter Baumgardt, a German flier, now a prisoner of war in Warsaw, was reported in Polish and Scandinavian papers, 10-4 and 10-5, to be claiming that he had flown Hitler, Braun and several associates from Berlin to Denmark before the city was occupied by the forces attacking it. On December 12, the Manchester *Guardian* printed that story plus the statement that medical opinion found Baumgardt sane.

WELL — MAYBE

A General Electric employee, Gene Darlington, Schnectady, is quoted (5-13-47) as saying that he and another fellow were responsible for sending those "strange radio signals back in 1924 which newspapers referred to as a possible signal from Mars". The statement is that Darlington forgot to turn off a test transmitter and it kept sending all night.

FORTEAN IN EUROPE

We asked MFS Wyckoff who was in England and France most of last year to give us a Fortean view of what's going on. He wrote:

No Man's Land . . .

Europe, crushed beneath the boots of the 'Freedom-loving' armies, now being squeezed by the absolute alternatives of either a 'Communism' which is not Communism, or a 'Democracy' which should be spelled Dollarocracy. In the process the Individual Human Being is rapidly becoming a museum piece. Uncle Sam, of Freedom, Peaceloving, Godfearing inc., may not have 'conquered' Germany in the latest installment, but he certainly bagged England and France—the no man's land of the next.

France — a glittering show window in front of a gutted store. England — a tired Third Avenue hockshop with knockdown prices. Building coming down. Sell to the highest bidder. Grain from the USSR — or dollars from the US. Communism or the Atom bomb.

But sir, I'm hungry and —

Shut up, you Goddam Red!

English 'socialism', by Hitler out of Mussolini, is the best govt. Churchill and the US state dept. ever had. Rations. The people 'live' on them. How, is a mystery. Last summer my week's rations lasted barely three days. Of course with money you can eat in restaurants. Five shilling (dollar) ceiling. Three slim courses. Bread or dessert. Meat now and then — size of a silver dollar. But you can go elsewhere and have another meal, or in some places order extras. Much of the food leaves you hungry. Ersatz. Or you can get a few unrationed things. If you have money. But how many can afford restaurants, or a dollar for a pack of cigarettes? You can buy English tobacco in N. Y. for a third the price it is in London. You can buy more English goods in America than in England. Why? Export — get those dollars. Export food, clothing, everything. England — drab, no paint, no clothes, no housing, damn little food. Export. Get dollars. For whom? I didn't see a single Englishman (or Frenchman) eating a

dollar in the five months I was there. But "Dollar" on every English lip. 'We can't — we don't have enough dollar credits.' And Taxes — 'We're still paying for the last one'. Yet all over England — uniforms, soldiers, sailors, Waafs. Like the war days.

In the lower, and lower middle class there still seems to be some faith in the govt. They remember Churchill only too well. But outside of the too few anarchists, writers, painters — superfluous people, the English 'have had it'. Cart horses. Stand for anything. FATIGUE! Two people queue for a bus. Queue for the cinema (American), the theater (American), or the exhibits of what is being exported (to America).

Yet the visitor is welcome. The INDIVIDUALS give you everything they have. The French too. But unlike the French, the English rationing is tight. It works. Your rations are there when you go for them. Yet, also unlike the French — the English spirit is at bedrock. The Cockney (he'll stick out anything don'cha know) has stuck it out too long. London bombed (East End), Plymouth, Coventry, other cities flattened. Queues, hunger, cold, no clothes, no food, plenty of lies and broken promises. FATIGUE! But no rebuilding. Need the labor for export products. Farming? Plough it under to keep the prices up. TAXES!

'England's done for in the next war'. Hear it everywhere. Shrugging resignation toward the inevitable. Age of index and adding machine. Groups — labor, middle class, the opposition, the right, the left. Never — Human Beings. Direction of labor aimed at superfluous people. Put them in the mines, the factories, the armies. Produce — export. Standing in the Albert Hall balcony one evening five men faint — from the nourishing dollars they've been eating.

And yet, more tolerance than in God's country. No un-British activities committee. I was surprised, and delighted, at the amount of COs who went more or less unmolested. Nearly every thinking man — intellectual, writer, painter, is an anarchist in one form or another. No paper for the writers' books — but they write. They bring out Little Magazines. No canvas and paints for the artists — but they paint. Perhaps there is hope in this?

In Paris, fat, goat-jowelled congressmen feast at the Ritz, the Crillon, go to the nightclubs, stroll along the Champs Elysees. 'The people look well fed to me.' They look well fed on Park Ave. too — below 96th Street. Rations — but when you go for them they're gone. Black Market. 'We've got to make a living don't we? We can't live on the prices the govt. puts on rationed goods' — to help Bigbiz 'legally' rob the people. In France you cannot live on your rations, even when you get them. You must deal in the Black Market or starve. STARVE — Mr. Congressman sitting in the Ritz, the Savoy, the Waldorf! In Paris you cannot avoid the Black Market. It's in every restaurant,

every store, in plain sight — but not in reach for the average Frenchman. And the people who have to eat the corn-sug (bread), and drink the barley and chicory (coffee), when they can stand the smell — starve. I saw very little wine on the tables of France. But all up and down the Right Bank — 'Got anything to sell today?' DOLLARS.

In Paris — hotel rents cheaper than London, where they are exorbitant. Food much more expensive — but good, even in the cheaper restaurants. Who can afford it? The distance between upper and lower in France is greater than in England. The town and country more cheerful-looking, the clothes better — only because Frenchwomen know how to make their own. The spirit higher. But in the streets of Paris, and in Brittany, the bountiful farming district, people starving slowly . . . And the papers one day worrying about the decrease in young men looking for Holy Orders.

The cities, outside of Paris, in ruins. Populations decimated. No rebuilding. Thousands of Reds marching on July 14th. Some people saying De Gaulle, others saying Thorez, Blum. The 'leaders' saying 'We must defend —' Every-one else muttering PEACE . . .

The French fear the Russians — dread and are fascinated by the Atom bomb. Fear the Russians emotionally — another army tramping down the fields, another bunch of knuckles banging on the door in the middle of the night. But — either the Reds or the Bomb. Only offer available, they are told. One of the ironies of man is that he seldom knows his worst enemy. Thus the man going to the scaffold asks for a priest — and the French, or rather their "representatives", ask for the Bomb.

"Goodbye," they said when I left France. 'We hope you come again. We hope to see you — before the atom bomb.'

Despair. Cynicism. Shrugged shoulders. FATIGUE!

. . . Before the Atom Bomb . . ."

GASOLINE FOUNTAINS

The liquid spouting from the town fountain of Nerac, France, was reported (11-5-47 old style) to have become 75% gasoline. Cr Reagan.

A "gusher" of thick, black oil flows into the back yard of William Tallmans' house in Newport Beach, Calif. Began middle of October. Cr Hoernlein.

RADAR ALIBI

When an astrologer guesses correctly, Scientists call it "coincidence". When an astrologer misses, that is a jewel in the crown of Science.

When radar behaves according to theory, that is a jewel in the crown of Science. When radar misses, that is "static", sometimes called "angels".

NOT A SPARROW . . .

Little Pattie Mills of Louisville was 15 months old, and she wore a blessed medal by a chain around her neck. It got tangled in the bed covers and strangled her to death. Cr Farnsworth.

At dinner on Thanksgiving day, a group in Fresno was burned by an un-



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explained explosion. Four went to the hospital and the house burned down. Cr Wakefield.

Sing Hossanah!

EARTH SINKING

Mexico City is going down — some buildings at the rate of a foot a year . . . Welch, West Va., also going down. Both in Washington Star, 7-30-47 old style. Cr Kerr and Bloch.

The entire coast of Ehime, on Shikoku Island, Japan (HISS!) is sinking! Cr Hoernlein.

A hole 16 feet deep and about 4 feet across appeared in the Vink backyard, in Portland, 12-3-47 old style. Cr Sheeley.

GEORGIA POLICE

A woman's foot was found (10-30-47 old style) in Atlanta, and put on ice for the detectives. When the cops went for it — it was gone. "There was no explanation." Cr Lorch and others.

At least one Atlanta cop is a Klansman. What color was the foot? Cr Adams.

TAXATION IS ROBBERY

That's the name of a pamphlet you should buy from Human Events Associates, 608 South Dearborn, Chicago. Send a quarter. Cr Bump.

ON MISSING CHECKS

Members who sent checks for dues or books the latter half of October or early last November, and have not received the cancelled checks from their banks, should stop payment, and send new checks to the Society. A group of checks was "lost", presumably stolen, in the mail in N. Y. C.

GHANDIJI FAILS

In the treaty just signed between Hindustan and Pakistan, India keeps all the ordnance factories, but "makes available" \$18,000,000 to Pakistan for the building of ordnance factories of her own. Peace! — it's wonderful!

MORE NO HANDS

Two hands were found in Phoenix, Illinois, 8-9-47 old style: called those of a woman. On 8-15-47, after the finger prints were taken, Dr. Richard Snodgrass, U of Chicago, said they belonged to a baboon or a mandrill. To date it has

been no easier to explain mandrill hands in Phoenix than woman's. Cr Morrison.

RADIO TEETH

Accto Aline Mosby, "UP Staff Writer", in the Miami Herald, MacDonald Carey of Hollywood has received radio programs on the fillings of his teeth. Cr Lorch.

London radio engineers (BBC) claimed (11-24-47 old style) to have heard Kansas City police calls. The KC sender has about a 25-mile radius. The engineers did not get the program on their teeth, however. Cr Reagan.

NOW YOU STROKE ME

The U. S. Navy paid the Holy Roman Catholic Church \$524,950.23 for damage to tax-free "church property" on Guam, accto the Jefferson Republican. Cr Reagan.

BALLISTERICS

The big question in all stories about "bullets" from nowhere is whether or not a rifled lead pellet was found. To learn that, whenever possible MFS Bush has undertaken to write the necessary letters and report his findings to the Society for publication in DOUBT.

We have turned over the latest grist of this nature to brother Bush. It consisted of NINETEEN new cases in the United States and England, sent in by Olchter, Adams, Toth, Forker, Plewucha, Russell, Kerr, Pollard, Hoernlein, and others.

PLEASE — in the future — send your ballisteric data direct to Mr. Francis Bush, 110 Greenbrier Street, Morgantown, N. C.

WHO TELLS THEM?

New Member Myers writes: "Today I called the S.P.C.A., to come and get three cats I have no use for. After calling I tried to catch them. Altho up to now tame as could be — I can't lay a hand on them now."

Rats deserted the steamer *St. Modan* before it left port in the Clyde. The crew was not "superstitious" — sailed. She sank 11-8-47 old style, and the crew had to row four hours to land at the Island of Jura. Cr Elsander.

MONSTRELET WRITES

"On the 15th of October (1463) a blaze of light was seen in the heavens; and it seemed that the clouds opened to

show this blaze, for the space of time in which an Ave-Maria could be repeated, and then closed again: it ended with a long flaming tail before it vanished." No place named, but probably at Paris, certainly in France.

COMMENT PLEASE

Leading among the nominations for Named Fellow 16 FS are:

Mrs. Vashti McCollum
(for fighting the church in the schools)

John L. Lewis
James Caesar Petrillo
(for their labor work)

Sister Kenny was nominated and blackballed in the same mail. What to do! What to do!

Leading nominees for the four vacancies — the years 8, 11, 12 and 14 are:

E. Haldeman-Julius
Philip Wylie

Bill Mauldin
Joseph McCabe
Raymond Robbins

Robert Stroud . . . The convicted murderer who wrote the finest book in the world on the diseases of birds. More about him next issue.

MC INTOSH WRITES

Seriously, however (or is it sacrilege to become serious on any subject remotely connected with such a gorgeously raucous raspberry as is "Book of the Damned"?), there is one indictment of modern science which, although hinted at by Mr. Fort, could easily stand development by someone with the detailed knowledge necessary to make an ironclad case. "So Science functions for and serves society at large, and would, from society at large, receive no support, unless it did so divert itself or dissipate and prostitute itself. It seems that by prostitution I mean usefulness." (p. 38, THE BOOKS). This, coupled with Fort's repeated plea for "acceptance" rather than "belief".

One major fault of practically all scientists is an apparently unconquerable passion for mistaking mensuration formulae for iron-clad Law of the Prophets. Lip service to Heisenberg's Indeterminacy Principle, in no case that I know of, prevents the orthodox Scientist (capital is deliberate) from shouting to the world at large that, because a certain theory agrees with experiment to a certain number of decimal places, therefore the premises of that theory must indubitably constitute an accurate description of the true structure of the Universe or a portion thereof. Then somebody stumbles into measuring one decimal place beyond the approximation of the original theory, and finds a discrepancy. If theory had been allowed to retain its proper status of a useful formula to build mousetraps, there would be no trouble. Formulae may be changed to fit newly discovered data without agony. Formulae so changed and refined, if you like, frequently result in the development of much more efficient mousetraps than were possible before all concerned (except mice) benefitting thereby. A Law, however, is a different matter. As I re-

member early courses in chemistry and physics, Law (natural law, that is) is defined as "a statement of a constant mode of behavior in Nature". So far, so good. If you can think of a better definition, you're a jump ahead of me. But the fundamental idiocy of the orthodox is the deliberate and aggressive acceptance of two decimal place — or, if you prefer, twenty-two-decimal-place accuracy for "constancy". You can't change "constancy", consequently, measurement of the twenty-third decimal place almost invariably leads to bloody war on Olympus. I know. I am a professional chemist.

Perhaps the most notorious case in point is the cataclysmic explosion of contemporary physics when radioactivity shattered the sacrosanct Bohr atom into unrecognizable splinters. It took years of major salvage and head-bandaging operations to even begin to repair the damage. "But," says the Scientist, "of course we've outgrown that. The Bohr physicists were ignorant, opinionated, self-satisfied, smug, etc., and so far into the night. Now WE are different. We know that there are things we don't know yet. Wave mechanics is a mathematical abstraction only. We don't pretend that it describes anything. It only measures what we can observe. Heisenberg has proved to us that no one can ever describe anything, and hope to be right." So —

When I was a senior, or maybe first year graduate student (M.S. No Ph.D.), I was put severely in my place by two professors, one of chemistry and one of physics. I had been told by both that people who knew more than I had "proved" conclusively that ninety-two, no more no less, was the sum total of the elements. How they proved this was not explained in detail, and would probably have gone over my head if it had been. I was, and am a chemist, not a mathematical physicist. But there was no compromise with the Law. Atoms of atomic number of ninety-three or higher must, of necessity be so highly unstable as to disintegrate (if formed at all) too rapidly for their existence to be detected at all. Period! No argument permitted, least of all by a mere chemistry student. I will admit that the expression of doubt concerning this point, which led to my chastisement, was inspired entirely by a natural bull-headedness, no budding genius on the brink of discovery. The only "Discoveries" I have ever made, then or to date, are in the nature of mouse-trap improvements and are not to be talked of except with permission of my boss. I couldn't have backed up my doubt with one single solitary fact or fancy. But I was thoroughly sat on for expressing it, and thereafter dropped the subject in learned company.

It seems, however, that my worthy professors neglected to explain to the elements plutonium and neptunium that their existence is impossible. I believe some Japanese might be willing to side with my school-boy impertinence rather than with the learned doctors.

The physicists will get out of that one, too. They always do. But in this case,

I am anxiously waiting to see how. If only they had stated their "laws" by saying "behaves as if thus and so were true", they would never have anything to get out of. But they insist on saying "thus and so is indubitably true". So they get caught with the britches dragging, and god help the hardy soul who ventures to do the catching.

Proper development of the above thesis would require a detailed analysis of scientific history for which, at the moment, I have neither the research facilities nor the time. It would also require intimate knowledge of the discrepancies between current formulae to at least one decimal place beyond the point of agreement with experiment. This to indicate chinks in the wall through which, someday, wagons will be driven to the discomfort of the orthodox. Being primarily a builder of mousetraps, I shall probably never have this knowledge. My kind of mousetrap does not require such in the building, and my hobbies are in fields far removed from the entire subject. If, therefore, any qualified Fortean should consider the thesis worth developing, it is his for the asking. If not, it won't be the first idea to ever collide with the nearest ash can. Maybe someday I'd get around to developing it myself, but, as I've said above, I doubt it. I would rather study mousetraps, and the organization and tactics of Pharaoh's cavalry.

MFS NOBLE WRITES

Extract from "The Book of Newfoundland" (published 17 FS) Vol. II page 234, entitled "The Black Stag". ("Literary" embellishments deleted):

"In the year of our Lord 1804 there lived in . . . St. Bride's a . . . family called Conway. Thomas, the eldest son was a . . . great shot and a mighty hunter. His father lived at Point Lance . . . 14 miles distant. One . . . day Thomas harnessed the pony, loaded the catamaran with some produce for his father, and laid the gun to hand in case he should get a shot.

"When they were about half-way on the journey, Tom saw right ahead of him on the road a magnificent black stag."

To cut a long story short, Tom fired several shots at the stag at point-blank range, and was certain he hit him more than once, but the stag stood "unmoved, and with a peculiar look in his eyes." Tom, rather frightened, I suppose, jumped back on the catamaran, and the pony, which had shown "an unaccountable restlessness" during the proceedings, now "took the bit in his teeth" and "covered the remaining distance in record time."

"Tom told the incident to his father and his friends, but they laughed at him and said it was his bad marksmanship . . . Tom started on the homeward journey . . . What was the surprise of his wife, who was watching for Tom, to see the pony come into the yard at a stretch gallop and perspiring in palpable terror. The harness was broken and there was no sign of the sled."

Myself, I think this beats Baalan's ass hollow.

"They found Tom in the exact spot where he had seen the deer. He was stretched out dead on the catamaran, and the contents of the powder-horn were scattered over his face. There were no marks of violence on him . . . It was known that no one but Tom had been on that road all day . . ."

"Some time later Tom's widow decided to go to Placentia to have her child christened. She was accompanied by Tom's brother and his winterman. On their return, near the place where Tom Conway met his death, something equally mysterious happened to them. All met a shocking death. They were warmly clad . . . they did not die of hunger (sic) and the people at the last cove where they had rested vouched for the fact that they were well and strong when they left them. Their tracks showed that they had met something that had left no trace, and that they had run this way and that in blind terror. The mystery remains unexplained to this day."

DINOSAUR PRINTS

You may buy a footprint of a dinosaur, small (5 inch) \$7.75, or large (17 inch) for \$90, or the largest (no dimensions given) for \$1250, from Carlton Nash of South Hadley, Mass. Authenticity is "attested" by "a Smith College professor". Cr Reagan.

PAGE J. KILMER

A tree in Sparrows Point (Baltimore) shed its leaves about 10-7-47 old style, and moisture appeared in the air and on the ground and walk beneath. The precipitation continued for at least three weeks and may be going on yet. The local weather man thinks the roots have tapped a steam pipe. A Federal expert said it was *Oncometopia undata*, bugs. The Baltimore papers have not taken sides . . . The attribute of raining was claimed for a second poplar in the same city 10-15. No record of any investigation into the second claim. Cr Neal, Kerr, Reagan.

In Olean, "crackling noises" issued from a large maple. The trunk was split (9-23-47 old style) and found to be hollow — and burning. Cr Hammett.

MORE SQUIRTS

In Miami, 7-17, the moisture was spurting *inside* houses, in two four-unit apartment buildings. No street address in the UP story as printed in the Columbus Citizen. No explanation. "We can't see where it comes from."

IKTOMI WRITES

As you don't realize what you're getting yourself involved in, I will explain so you may reconsider. A pencil is a more versatile beast of burden for a prehistoric man to express himself with than by machine-iacal maneuvers that are bound to at least some sort of a trail. The honorary membership you have extended me is as welcome and almost as surprising as your letter of interest and appreciation in and for my book and magazines, although there have been such scattering exceptions before and of late there seems to be a sudden flurry. In fact, I might even own a copy of it for myself now. I bought the first one I've seen since before the war, except a copy at Ft. Qu'Appelle, at a

book store in Hot Springs, S. D. on my way back to the reservation this Spring while I was still officially dead, and swapped it off for what White folks call moccasins from the first Sioux who had any and wasn't afraid I was a ghost. Since none could be bought here, Don Bloch took me over to KMYR and got one for me. I may even autograph it for myself and let interested folks read it, for I am as lazy and much busier than the other people who "haven't" the time, energy and courage to read it — except the wise cracks, etc., — and skip the thought-provoking and economically vital programs for which it was written.

I was surprised, when Bloch finally contacted me, that the typographical style etc. was perfect or outstanding, because it was all purely instinctive — or less, being merely the natural follow up of the outline that is the whole book, as shown in the plan "Outline of Contempts", altho it was a tedious task to work everything into a non-conspicuous or unapparent but consistent outline, and thick-headed sleeplessness and nerve-strain from distractions did trick me into one error in my consistency that would have left a true flaw in that pattern that the 1 reader in 1000 who realizes it is all an outline would have found. Joe Burdette, the head-printer deserves credit for that, and altho it was only a single case, it would have destroyed the only literary perfection in the book, which is not only accidental but incidental, since it aimed at nothing literary or artistic. Such must have been a hidden trick of the Gods to bribe off by petty personal satisfaction some part of my attention from my social-economic improvement objectives, or else it was a consolation prize or conscience gift of the Gods like the man who cheats millions and then drops some change to a beggar, or to a charity that will advertise his business or a church collection plate to bribe his way into Heaven. I only wish this prize surprise had been given to an author who could appreciate it, and who had an ambition that strove for literary goals as his personal rewards, for I know and care nothing whatever about literary values and very little for literature, except what my pre-human manthropoid instincts feel. I have never learned a single rule of grammar, never knew why I got average grades in grammar in school, because by the law of averages and guessing at such to me unknown, uninteresting and apparently unuseful subjects I should have averaged about 50%. I passed only sometimes in English in what High School I had, and I remember none of it because I couldn't get interested in it enough to try to learn or pay attention to any subject more than necessary to pass 3 for athletic eligibility, and English was always the one to ignore in sacrifice for the other 3. After the first month I took no English in college, which I entered on my pal's diploma, because I refused to accept English as a religion with such dogmas as that "ain't" ain't a word because it ain't", although ain't was not

conspicuous in or important to my expression, nor was it guilty of anything for which I should snob it if it met me coming down the street.

Instinct must be to blame for the rhetoric sense I was accused of by Father Lawrence of Ft. Totten who always spent more time writing about the rhetoric of my letters than in answering my questions, which was the only time I ever met with the word "rhetoric" except in college catalogues where their association with English classes warned me that they must be neighbors to Grammar. Some day I'll look up the word. Spelling was learned partly by memory and partly by instinct — as have been similar foreign language studies, and instinct is the guide and editor of my writings, lectures and mainly of my drawing. I merely feel that this or that belongs to or fits on to this or that as a qualification or addition, whether it be a sentence or a thought. I still think considerably in one or another Indian language, culture or philosophy but not usually within its bounds. My vocabulary and phrases are a matter of natural absorption, memory and adaptation, for wherever I think the English language is poor or empty and inexpressive, or beyond my knowledge, I create a word or phrase or re-coin one where it's needed, as I do in modern Indian languages that have lost their primitive completeness, or haven't adjusted to civilized supplements. Scientific reading has influenced my writing, not through imitation but through natural unconscious absorption, causing correct but awkward compound sentences, through my habits of including qualifications and additions of thought, for which I am most criticized by those who are not inoculated to reading of science or writings by Scientists.

My other natural writing styles are dialectal and humorous or naturally observative or philosophical, all being original by the ways of life I've had, although seldom recorded because I've had little time or chance to do these things of lesser importance in the face of the urgent objectives I am obliged to strive for constantly while my best quips and philosophies and poetical thoughts vanish on expression and are forgotten because they are out of time and place.

Bloch, McKern, Miss Roberts and the Carl Sandburg Society and some other have accused me of poetry, for which I had made no conscious effort, my challenge in "America Needs Indians", and its ending being only my natural way of feeling some thoughts onto paper and escaping some punctuation that sight could help to automatically transfer as supplementary to hearing and more naturally than surplus commas and other markings.

My first, and last to ever be published, manuscript, "Maka Ihangya", written in dialect from my first-teen age (13?) on and a few years later abandoned for re-birth as the more needed hard-hitting "America Needs Indians!" was written entirely in dialect which at times ran into poetic prose and occasional verse and short rhyming without any such intention and before I was aware of it,

for its 1300 later typed pages were rapidly scribbled day and night in more or less unconsciousness and concentration with an efficiency I've never been able since to approach.

Likewise the drawings I made at the time or right afterward were sometimes done entirely by my finger tips without connection to the mind part of the brain and sometimes quite independent of the eyes, for I was at that time totally blinded by an accident in the center of vision of both eyes. These were scientifically accurate as to light, season, birds, bugs, meteorology, astronomy, botany, ecology, tribal and periodical Indians and whatever else was included, not to be pretty or to fill up space, or to be true. Some were used in "America Needs Indians!", re-"America" and other books since, for I quit drawing forever that year and have done none since, except a few non-drawing sketches of

late, and I never expect to draw again for I hate drawing even more than I hate writing. Of Art and literature I know nothing, not the first rule of either, and I have no interest in either. That's why I'm scribbling this off hastily to you.

Near the end of my teens they lured me back there in the Yankee Country, under pretense of interest in helping my people, partly in the sincere appreciation for the writings, facts and illustrations in "Maka Ihangya", and partly to get me to concentrate on my own gains instead of my proposals for Indians, wild life and America. They gave up on me when they found they couldn't kid me into being an artist, trick me into being sent to Paris to study and become "the greatest Indian Artist" or shader (which wouldn't interest me to become the greatest any kind of artists since I haven't the philosophy or interest or ambitions of artist and draw only for

bait for my plans, etc.), nor flatter or obligate me by shouting "Genius", promoting me in gov't jobs I didn't want, and mostly because, although I've sometimes lived by "professional Indian" dancing and performances, because I couldn't be civilized into becoming a white man's "ugh!" Injun for Gov't Society.

Tom Henry of the Washington Star was calling me a James Joyce Junior because of a stream of consciousness, which authorities claim was originated by James Joyce, whoever he was, and imitated by all who use similar style. I've never found a word of his writings, or looked for any, but I can remember what a stream of consciousness must be ever since early childhood and before I could write 1 word of any language. It is only a natural way of realizing and expressing one's experiences, orally or in writing.

I MUST TELL — SOME ONE — SO IT MIGHT AS WELL BE — YOU —

WE ARE BEING WEAKENED — MATERIALLY AND BIOLOGICALLY — BY THE
MIS-RULERS — WHO HAVE BROUGHT THE WORLD TO ITS PRESENT PASS —
AND WHO NOW FORCE REVOLUTION ON THE U.S.A. — AS RUSSIA HOPES —
FOR — WHEN HALF OF US ARE DEAD FROM MALNUTRITION AND CIVIL WAR
— RUSSIA WILL TAKE OVER

HENCE THE COMING MASS-CONSCRIPTION — NOT TO FIGHT ABROAD — BUT
IN THE FUTILE ATTEMPT — TO SAVE THE SITUATION — AT HOME —
WHAT WILL BECOME OF POLITICIANS — AND OTHER OFF-FICERS — WITH
THEIR FILTHY LUCRE —

POOR "PERFIDIOUS" ALBION — AND HER ALBINO —
"THE ESSENCE OF SCIENCE IS — PRE-DICTION" —
ALL WAYS —

Signed "STUART X"

PORTLAND IN 14 FS

MFS Sheeley has been to the files of the Portland (Oregon) *Journal* and found another unexplained rock-fall in this district which gave us the "slightly sleety sly afreet" of 1-7-17 FS (see DOUBT #18). From about August 27, 1944 old style, until, at least, October 18 of that year, rocks fell intermitently, some by day, some by night, on and about the home of George L. DeWaide. The cops couldn't catch anybody.

Brother Sheeley went back to 1920 AD, July 22, in the *Oregonian*, to find — a "fall" of "small white stones . . . irregular in shape and somewhat like unpolished china in texture, but not as hard as china." The fall was reported by several persons in the Sellwood district. The stones littered sidewalks, yard and pavement.

LOST SHEEP

The following members have lost contact with the Society through the years. Can anybody give us their present addresses?

*Stern, Edward: — Philadelphia
Parker, James G: — U.S. Navy
Charnay, Mme. Cesar: — N. Y. C.
Dilbeck, L. B.: — Los Angeles
Comrie, Andrew W.: — Miami
Martineau, Aldine: — Devon, Eng.
Leatham, C. F.: — U.S. Army
Duffek, Alfons A.: — Stratford, Conn.

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HOERNLEIN WRITES

By now you have probably realized that I am not too bright. So — I don't mind exposing my ignorance farther.

Re rocket ships. The boys, from Jules Verne on, keep telling us about "initial velocity" required — roughly seven miles per second, I believe. This is all very lovely, and maybe you would have to go even faster to catch the moon, or Mars, or avoid one of Buck Rogers space-cyclones. But why the hell do they have to go so fast so soon? V-2's take off a helluva lot more slowly, judging by the movies, and still go up. Or does gravity get stronger as you go up nigher?

In short, why can't they start off like a V-2, and steadily increase velocity to an m.p.s. rate, instead of smacking everybody flat at takeoff? Hanh?

MORE NOTES of CHARLES FORT

The material on this page and those following comes from the MSS notes of Charles Fort. The notes begin with the year 1800 AD, and we are printing them chronologically, transcribed to the best of our ability. As you have observed from the several we have produced in facsimile—life size—the handwriting is difficult, to say the least; many are written in symbols and code, a personal shorthand. Each date is on a separate scrap of paper. They fill 32 boxes. The boxes are in two series, one numbered, one identified by letters of the alphabet. The numbered boxes contain records of non-human phenomena, the others, records of persons. It is our device to alternate the two series so that the printed record is chronologically consecutive.

The letters BA refer to Reports of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which many US libraries have. The numerals, such as '11 or '64, etc., in connection with BA sometimes refer to volume number, sometimes to year. In applying for this material at your public library, mention that to the attendant and you should have no difficulty.

Back numbers of DOUBT contain all the notes to the point where we begin below. Subsequent issues will continue them until the 32 boxes are printed.

1844

Box 2 (Resumed)

- Sept 24 Fireball S. Italy BA '60
30 Fireball Lombardy BA '60
Oct 2 Met explosion Cuba BA '60
4 Like a signal light D-275 See 42
4 or 5 Destructive hurricane Cuba
N Y Herald Oct 22 p. 3
6 & 8 Destructive gales America N Y
Herald Oct 22 p. 2
6 Great quake China BA '11
8 Gelat Germany D-49 20
8 7:30 pm Vols near Puy bolide
larger than Jupiter CR 19-1036
(reverse) slowly SSW to NNE
9 Rhone rising heavy fall of rain
bridges swept away (reverse)
communication interrupted
J des Deb Oct 19 p. 1
10-13 Floods at Nimes J des Deb
Oct 18
Oct / only that happen to have the
Australian note and merely Plau
very odd
Oct 10 Bonn meteor BA 60
12-14th to about 20th Australia / Re-
ported from Bathurst N S Wales.
Torrential rains. Herald 28th -
on 17th a sudden rush of waters
down the Lachlan river carried
away a police barracks (re-
verse) - swollen rivers - bridges
swept away. Sydnam Morning
Telegraph Oct 22 p. 3. Swept
thousands of sheep with it. /
- At Gundagai "a most awful vis-
itation from the 10th." Herald
29th.
13 3 sharp shocks Piedmont, Italy
N Y Herald Nov 24 p 1
14 Equiller / huge "hailstone" one
weighed 10 pounds L T Nov 1
p. 3 B D 176 (reverse) At Celti
ac to Flammarion See Oct 20
15 1:12 a m Great meteor London
- through Pegasus toward Lyra
L T Oct 16 p. 5
15 to Nov In Italy In Tuscany the
most disastrous floods since (re-
verse) the year 1740 2 weeks
continuous rain LT Nov 15 p. 5
18 Tremendous hurricane Rochester
and Buffalo. Most violent ever
known there. Many lives lost
in Buffalo (reverse) N Y Herald
Oct 22 p. 3
18 quake and rain. Quake Peru
10:30 p m. From time of first
shock till sunrise (reverse) heavy
rain fell. B A 50-82.
18 Argentina Great quake. BA '11
20 20 inches of rain at South Head,
New South Wales, Sydney
Morning Herald Feb 26, 1873.
20 Storm at Aix - in the little
district of Equilles, nearby
masses of ice had fallen, one of
them weighing 10 pounds (re-
verse) LT Nov 1 p. 3.
20 12 N; 38 W. "thousands if not
millions of grass hoppers like
the grass hoppers of U S but
of a deeper red." (reverse) 700
miles from land supposed caused
by a hurricane. N Y Herald
Nov 29 p 2
20 Another vessel 400 miles from
this vessel was shaken. N Y
Herald Nov 17 p. 2
20 At St. Croix severe shock crack-
ing walls of the sugar houses
N Y Herald Nov 9 p. 2
20 Off West Indian Island of Saba,
severe shock to a vessel. N Y
Herald Nov 9 p. 2
20 Millions in suburbs / In middle
of November the selectmen of
Meredith, New Hampshire (re-
verse) to the Judge of Probate
for guardians to be appointed to
take care of businesses and
farms of 10 Millerites who were
still preparing. Selectmen of
other towns acted similarly (re-
verse) N Y Herald Nov 20 p 1
21 Meteorite of Laysac/N M/
C R 19-1181
21 Met Favars, Aveyron, F. See
July 4 '48 See before
21 6:45 a m / Laysac, France, said
doubt whether the stone found
was meteoric, doubtful where
it was at the time of listing.
BA 60
- Box A (Resumed)**
22 Secretary of the Treasury ack-
nowledges receipt of \$5.00 from
a Millerite whose conscience
been troubling him! Camps of
them in Pa. In one several
children died of exposure. N Y
Herald Oct 24 p. 1.
22 "The last day is positively set
down for the 22nd of this
month, although possibly it
might be on the 23rd" ac to
the Millerites. / hosts on their
knees in chapels of N Y City.
Mostly females. One of meetings
man entered and was rough
about (reverse) taking his wife
out of it to go home and return
to the cooking - Had(nt?) had
a home-cooked meal for ten
days. Some Millerites interfered
and he threatened to lick all
Millerites. 20-2-4 (reverse) N Y
Herald Oct 17 p 2.
22 8 a m Quake in Western part of
state of N Y on day some of
the Millerites were (reverse)
expecting the end of the world
though others expected on 23rd.
Niles Nat. Reg. Nov. 2
Thought effects? Quake in
Western New York Oct 22,
1844, the day some of the
Millerites were expecting the
end of (reverse) the world,
though others expected on Oct
23. Niles Nat. Register Nov 2,
1844.
22 Considering the phe, the Miller-
ites had reason for thinking that
though the (reverse) world did
not come to an end there were
great disturbances in the period.
22 Whirlwind ravaged village of
Cette. C R 19-1181 See Jan 16,
1845.
22 4 p m. Cette Series. Said that
an electric waterspout fell upon
the town. A violent explosion
was heard and for two minutes
there were crashing (reverse)
sounds in the air. Water fell
from the sky and smashed in
roofs. A dozen boats were sunk
in the canal. The wind was
violent. A house four stories
high was crashed to the earth.
(reverse) LT Oct 30 p 4.
22 Still the floods in France.
22 Millerite delusion survive in
Providence, R.I. The leaders
had resumed advertising meet-
ings (reverse) N Y Herald
Nov 17 p. 1.
22 Whirlwind at Cette. 200 build-
ings damaged N Y Herald Nov
24 p. 1.
24 See Oct 24, 1844. Read Times.
No Equilles

- 24 8 a m Shock at Batavia, N. Y., and other towns. N Y Herald Oct 27 p 1
25 Jackson Co., Mo. 6:30 p m Tornado. Finley's Report.
- 25 "Awful tornado Western Missouri. Loss of life and destruction of property." N Y Herald Nov 12 p. 1
- 25 LT p. 5 Sup. at Paisley.
- 27 9:40 p m Parce-sur-Sar the meteor seemed equal to the moon east to west detonating like gunfire about 4 minutes later. CR 19-1036. (reverse) See Nov 20 Also Angers BA 60.
- 29 Valley and fields of Southern France turned into lakes (reverse) increasing inundations./ Jour des Debs (reverse)
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- Oct 31 Flows Nor Car See 1829
1844-45 Winter Carbonaceous (? fall of matter? T.T.) Essex Co., N.Y. Am J. Sci. 2-28-275
- Nov 1 Phosphorescent rain Paris
- Nov 2
17
18 } Meteors Bombay BA 60
19
20
21
13-14 Watchers for meteors disappointed. N Y Herald Nov 19 p. 1
- 15 Off coast of Lund Island submarine eruption suspected. Sea covered with dead fish (reverse) N Y Herald Nov 23 p. 1
- 20 Laysac etc. 3 a m. N E to S W another meteor 1/2 diameter of moon. BA 60-82
- 20 (Note 1) 2 a m met reported from Laysac also in depts of toen, l'Aveyron (reverse) and Lozere. C R 20-887 and tremendous detonation.
- 20 (note 2) An hour later it was followed by another which was almost half the size of the moon (reverse) but with no explosive sound.
- 20 Meteor 2 a m E to W (reverse) "great and numerous detonations" Laysac, Aveyron etc. BA 60.
- 20 Laysac, Aveyron, etc. E to W 2 a m Met brighter than moon great and (reverse) numerous detonations BA 60-82.
- 20 Great det met. Later another See C R Laysac, France BA 60-82 See Oct 21, '27
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 21 etc. Stones. Ac to the RossShire Advertiser in L T Dec 14 p 6 This night two large stones were thrown through windows on ground floor of the parochial school house of Lline. A reward of 20 guineas (reverse) was offered for information. In newspaper account it is said been revenge by somebody, but night of Dec. 1 stones smashed windows in a house at Rogart. On night of 5th a girl at Dunrobin was struck on head by stone said been thrown by someone unseen in the dark. In Sutherlandshire.
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- Nov 20 etc Nothing in Sydney Morning Herald
- 27 Parce-sur-Sarthe E to W meteor size of moon. Loud detonations BA 60.
- Dec 6 Toward mid., - At Havre A violent explosion in a chimney (reverse) There was no known cause of it. J des Deb 9-1-4
- 8 Paris etc Met train zenith to horizon N W to S E BA 60-82
- 9 5:20 p m Meteor at Paris C R 19/1320
- 9 Hamburg Large met BA 69-282
- 12 Limoux / 12:50 a.m. an enormous meteor CR 20-320
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 14 LT p. 3 Singular occurrence at Exeter
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- 29 Aurora C R 20/106
- 1845**
- 1845 or 46 Haz objects by Herschel
- 1845 Manna in province of Vau, Asia Minor was L. (indecipherable) Gardners Chronicle
- Jan 16 10 A M Not seen at Laysac but 10 A M detonation heard. And at Cette met seen in full sunlight. C R 20-890 See Nov. 20. (reverse) BA 60-82
- 10 Laysac and Cette 10 A M "fire Bolide daylight; Great explosion and noise." BA 60-82.
- 25 3 p m France Louans (Indre et Loir) stone fall C R 92/984
- 26 Grueneberg, Silesia N W to S E remarkable meteor BA 60
- 27 Hamburg meteor BA 60
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 29 L T p 4 Ghost in daylight East Lothian
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- 31 Nottingham meteor BA 60
- Feb Remarkable snowfalls Vosges Compt Rendus 20-1305.
- Feb 10 Sutton, Macclesfield Flash of lightning down a chimney fog & quake in a storm LT 17 p 5
- 17 Paris Fireball BA 60
- 19 Quake and down the plain of the river Lagumilla (U. S. (Columbia) poured a torrent of (reverse) liquid clay inundating villages. Timbs' 46-27 See if 1843.
- Box A (Resumed)**
- 21 L T p 6 Remarkable fatality
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- Mar 9 Cambridge unusual sunspot L T March 11 p 7
- 9 Quake in Scotland. Quake in Mexico "a most singular appearance of the sun" noticed at Cambridge. Timbs' Year Book 1846-132
- 10 Hamburg Meteor BA 60
- 26 Huntingdon about 9 p m. Quake and sound - phe at first thought from an explosion. L T Ap 3, p-6
- 29 London "Curious stationary meteor". BA 60
- 29 (?) Athenaeum Ap 5, 1845 cor writes that sun is a part of the sky familiar to him - (reverse) that by the telescope it looked like four stars with a nebula in the center. In about 2 minutes it disappeared or faded away.
- ? Cor saw comet similar to a small nebula - brought his telescope to bear upon it. Looked like four (reverse) stars with an orange-colored mist in the center. It moved away and disappeared two minutes after he had begun telescopic examination. Athenaeum. See Goddard. (reverse) Mag of Sci 8/12
- Apr 7 Mexico Great quake '11
19-25 Light quake India Cutch Lakhpat BA '11 See June 19
- May 1 8:29 p m bolide at Diron C R 20-1452
- 6 Morning before sunrise appearance like tail of a comet reported from (reverse) Princeton College. Niles Nat. Register May 10
- 8 "Vulcan" by Houzeau at Brussels C R 83-719
- 8 Trans Moon
- 11-12-13 (indecipherable) Naples 114 Capocci D-209
- Box A (Resumed)**
- May 17 Lightning shake two sisters - 5 miles apart L T May 20 p 8.
- Box 2 (Resumed)**
- June 13 Remarkable hail Liege Bull Ac Sci Brux 12 p 8.2-14
- 13 10:30 p m Meteor in Seine-et-Oise C R 20-1799
- 13 Vileneuvre, St. Georges Met-Moon slow N N E to S S W BA 60
- 18 Malta etc. 141 D-261
- 19 Medium quake India Lakhport BA 11 See Apr 19
- 21 3 days after the B D object at Erzeroum, Asia Minor a heavy snow storm, which lasted 3 days. "The greatest consternation prevailed among the inhabitants, (reverse) who thought the world was coming to an end." BA 61
- July
- 10-11 Quake Italy (Basilicate) BA '11
12 Ac to American Astronomer Mitchell—dark spot in polar white patch of Mars, for several (reverse) hours. N Y Times 1877 Nov 25 p 4
- 12 Athenaeum In Lake Wogsdamm near Darmstadt during a thunder storm (reverse) an island rose in the lake. No quake felt. It rose as great discharge of lightning upon the lake.
- July Quake and rain. Near Darmstadt, Lake of Wogsdamm, a thunder storm - about 5 p m an electrical discharge, loud, long, rumbling sound and small island rose in the lake (reverse) This a phenomena of quakes but no quake was felt. Timbs 1846/282
- July 14 Le Teilleul, Manche, France (F)
14 Met London BA 60

- 16 Belgium Fireball BA 60 -
 23 Barrisal, India, shocks. (reverse) Athenaeum 1845-1109
 25 9 p m Between Prato and Florence - described by Professor Collihi (reverse) an enormous igneous body rushing northward overhead, terrifying horses. "many times larger than the moon". BA 61-37.
 25 dark spot in polar snow of Mars. Cornhill Mag 1877 or N Y Times Nov 25/4/4 1877
 Aug 6 India / Assam light quake BA '11
 7 Hail at Metz Mim Ac Metz 27/116
 10 London & Oxford Fireball BA 60
 12 L T p 4 Meteor London
 18 L T p 6 Meteorological phe.
 19 Near Rouen. Whirlwind - flashes of lightning from it. Said that it burned objects caught in it. Tims Y B 1846/27
 19 Leaves of trees and flowers in gardens in suburbs of Paris (reverse) withered in electric storm. C R 21/535
 19 Year Book of Facts, 1846, quoting M Arago's account to the French Academy at Rouen a whirlwind. Effects called electric and in the destroyed buildings the bricks (reverse) were burning hot and many articles were charred. Said the fire or the electricity of it was so brilliant that visible a great distance. However, a French scientist M Pouillet said that the phenomena was not electric. It is said that insurance desiring the opinion had recourse to him.
 20 Op Mars (A 1)
 21 8 p m Comrie. Remarkable shadow of a monument in story of Comrie. Athenaeum 1845-858
 21 Tidal wave 4 ft high Halmstadt, Norway Tims '46-279
 22 12:30 p m Several shocks Assam Sound like thunder later small shocks Friend of India Sept 11
 Aug 22 L T p 5 Sup in Essex
 Aug 30 Bright projection from snow cap of Mars. Cornhill Magazine 1877 or N Y Times Nov 25 1877 p 4
 Sept 1 Grenelle France fireball BA 60
 Sept 1 Det. met. 2:20 a.m. brilliant light in great meteor J. Sci. 49-408 Fayetteville, Nor. Car. tremendous report.
 Sept 1 (about) Sounds. In Cl (?) of N South Wales, p. 165 Mr H C Gussel quotes a correspondent (reverse) near Eyris Creek about 9 a m "a report as of a great gun. Next morning about same time again."
 1 Insect. Near Buffalo, Iowa, an unknown insect appeared - enormous numbers. At first the larvae - some farms covered several inches deep with them. In a few days climbed on (reverse) crops and turned to small fly about half the size of a house fly and sucked wheat until withered. No one had ever seen such an insect before. (reverse) N Y Herald Nov 15 p 1.
 2 Athenaeum of Sept 20 from Edinburgh Adventurer - At Orkney - great fall black dust (reverse) supposed from Hecla. Says had been eruption there. Athenaeum Oct 18 says date was Sept 2.
 2 Noon Hecla and on into 1846 Y B 1846/269
 2 & 3 Dust Orkneys Am J. Sci 2/3/273
 3 Great fall of dust "resembling Roman cement," all over the Orkneys Am Mag Nat Hist 16-286 (reverse) attrib not to Hecla but to some other volc that had been (indecipherable) eruption. Iceland See Oct 14
 6 Rhine fireball BA 60.
 7 Calcutta fireball BA 60 N to S
 7 Violent shock Calcutta (reverse) Athenaeum 1845-1109
 8 bet 2 - 3 a m Island of Grenada - a shock. On same day a heavy th. storm NY Herald Oct 5 p 1
 15 date of Hecla's first outburst in Athenaeum Nov 1 p 1060
 16 L T p 4 Supposed volcano in Orkney See Oct 14.
 20 Jefferson Co., N.Y. Tornado Finley's Report
 Oct Nova Scarlet star in Orion found Am Sci Disc. 1851/376 (cut)
 1845 Brussels (3) Houzeau A Vulcan (no more) Cosmos N S 42/467
 1845 Hecla Le Moniteur p 2558 P P 9431
 1845 Autumn b. rain. Just before the disease in potatoes broke out a black (reverse) rain fell and people attributed the disease to it. See preceds Hecla. Gardener's Chronicle June 1, 1850 Was this Ireland?
 Oct Quakes in Smyrna and great damage from torrential rains (reverse) Athenaeum 1845-1109
 Oct 3 - Dec 14 N Y Herald Have
 Oct Great drought Arkansas N Y Herald 31-1-5
 Oct 5 N Y Herald p 1 Sounds. In the neighborhood of the Lake Superior Copper Mines in the Porcupine Mountains a hill near La Point from which came sounds like discharge of artillery ab 12th Destructive floods Kansas. N Y Herald 25 - p 1
 Oct 14 L T p 7
 17 L T p 6
 Nov 27 L T p 4
 6 L T p 5 Hecla
 Oct 18 or 11 Sudden fall and rise of Lake Ontario Niles National Register Oct 25 p 115
 Oct 24 Great quake China BA '11
 24 Bonn fireball BA '60
 26 6 p m quake and sound like thunder Long Island - Conn. (reverse) Niles Nat Reg. Nov 1
 26 Quake violent on Long Island Sound. Rumbling sounds in New Jersey. N Y Herald Nov 3 p 1
 26 Quake severer in Conn than in N Y. On 23rd at Greenfield Hill, Conn., the springs (reverse) and wells went dry for hour and a half. N Y Herald 31 p 1
 Nov 31 Milan Fireball BA 60 (early) Almost incessant rains in Maine. N Y Herald 7 p 1
 Nov Hecla increased violence Athenaeum 1845-1204
 Nov 2 Milan fireball BA 60
 2 Comet of intense brightness on western horizon night Baltimore N Y Herald 5 p 4. (reverse) attracted considerable attention.
 2 Biela's comet was discovered again at Cambridge Observatory Dec 1 Niles National Register 5-19-288
 4 Dec 9 Bombay fireball BA 60
 20 Cramaux Fireball BA 60
 25 N Y Herald p 1 Unprecedented drought in Virginia.
 Dec 2 Light at sea Ryook Phyoo D-275
 Box A (Resumed)
 Dec 2 p 3 Berkshire
 4 p 5 Derbyshire
 26 p 6 Shropshire
 9 p 3 Incendiary fires
 10 p 6
 13 p 6
 (Last three entries may be Jan. 1846. T.T.)
 Dec 3 Box 2 (Resumed)
 3 Great met Paris about 10 a m BA 60
 3 Met burst over Mentz with great smoke and noise BA 60
 3 Aurora Swansea BA Vol 18/22
 19 Venus and Jupiter close together. Astro Reg. 1/189
 19 Venus and Saturn in same field of the telescope Ast Reg. 7-23
 29 Division Biela's Comet.
 Dec Box A (Resumed)
 last Rats L T 1846, Jan 3 p 6.
 1846
 Dec Box 2 (Resumed)
 1846 The aerolite at Girganti Le Moniteur 1846/2744
 1846 Great numbers of locusts in England Field Oct 3, 1857
 1846 Within 20 miles of Columbia, S.C. stone fell in the storm N Y T. Jan 22 p 3.
 1846 Biela's comet others that divided great comet of 1882 Brooks of 1889 (reverse) Mellish's 1916 N Y Notices 1916-334 (1915)
 Jan Hairworms Zoologist of Cor tells of three instances at Burton-on-Trent within a few minutes of (reverse) a hairworm found upon bushes immediately after a fall of rain, one that "had caught upon a piece of stick."
 Jan 6 "bolide" set fire to house C R 22/342 427 Auvisson (Cote d'Or) See 1840 1842? Nov Dec
 13 Biela's comet split

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